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Hello again Marty,

Sorry again for yet another email. I just spoke to some folks here and found out (you were probably already aware) that the attached letter was just signed from EPA to NDDEQ last week (which includes the new addition of 2016 fish tissue selenium criteria into the WQSs). Since the selenium addition was just approved, I am assuming you all have not been able to incorporate it into any permits yet and will still be in the process for a while of working on how/when the new selenium standard will be incorporated into NDPDES permits (which is totally fine, many states have yet to even incorporate the criteria into their standards). I can respond back to the HQ request as such but just wanted to confirm that sounds about right to you.

Again, I am very sorry for the extra email as I was not aware of this status from folks here when I sent the earlier emails.

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Sorry Marty, I forgot to mention this is regarding the 2016 recommended selenium criterion. If NDDEQ does not have selenium criteria/standards based on the 2016, I can just respond with that.

Thanks again so much!

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Subject: Question from our EPA HQ- selenium implementation in permits

Hi Marty,

We received some questions from our headquarters office regarding selenium implementation in NPDES permits for states and I was wondering if you might be able to provide information regarding NDPDES permits. Here is the information they are requesting for our states:

- Does the state implement selenium limits in their permits?
 - If so, are the limits expressed as fish tissue or water column?
- Does the state implement monitoring in its permits for selenium?
- Is the state facing selenium criterion implementation challenges? Or facing any other issues related to selenium?

If possible, could you send me a response by noon on Weds (12/8) – sorry for the quick turnaround, I just received this request from my management with the short turn.

Please let me know if you have any questions or will need more time to provide a response.

Thank you so much Marty!

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